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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yasuyuki NAKAJIMA et al.**

Serial No.: **09/657,368**

Group Art Unit: **2613**

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Confirmation No.: **2481**

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMPRESSION-TRANSMITTING AND DECODING PICTURE INFORMATION AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORED ITS CONTROL PROGRAMS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated May 4, 2004.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-19; and Group (II), Claims 20-33.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-19. The Action also requires an election of species among species I-IV. Applicants elect the species I (Figures 1-4). It is believed that claims 1-3 and 14 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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